

**Claims:**

Replace claim 4 with the following:

4. The machine of claim 3 in which said first digital clock is a variable-frequency digital clock, whereby said first count need not always change at a single rate, whereby high-precision digital-to-analog conversion is possible with a high frequency of said first digital clock, a high rate of change of said first count, and a corresponding high dynamic power consumption and low-precision digital-to-analog conversion is possible with a low frequency of said first digital clock, a low rate of change of said first count, and a corresponding low dynamic power consumption.

**GENERAL REMARKS**

With the amendment above, Applicant has amended the abstract of the specification to conform to the standards of abstract style noted in the Office Action and has also amended claim 4 so as to render it a proper dependent claim.

**The Objection to the Specification**

The Office Action included a reminder to the Applicant of the "proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure", particularly of a length of between 50 and 150 words, avoidance of "form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims", and the need for language that is "clear and concise".

The Applicant has revised the abstract so that it is shorter. It is now 91 words in length rather than 141 words in length. The Applicant removed the claim-type word "machine" from the beginning of the abstract and the phrase "the invention" noted as objectionable in the Office Action. The Applicant also endeavored to clarify the abstract in its revised shorter form.